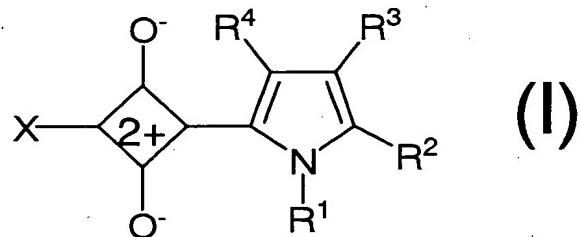
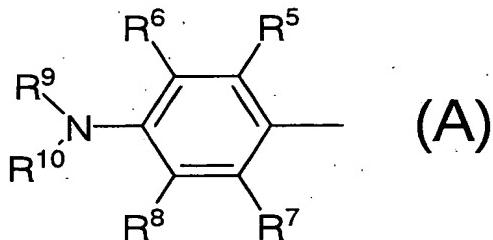


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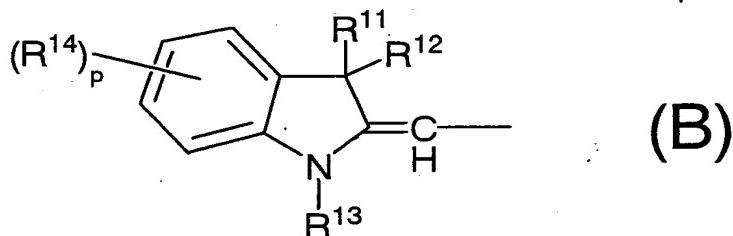
1. A filter of an electronic display device comprising a squarylium compound represented by general formula (I):



[wherein R¹ represents a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; R², R³ and R⁴, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a formyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkanoyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy carbonyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted amino group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; and X represents a group represented by formula (A):]



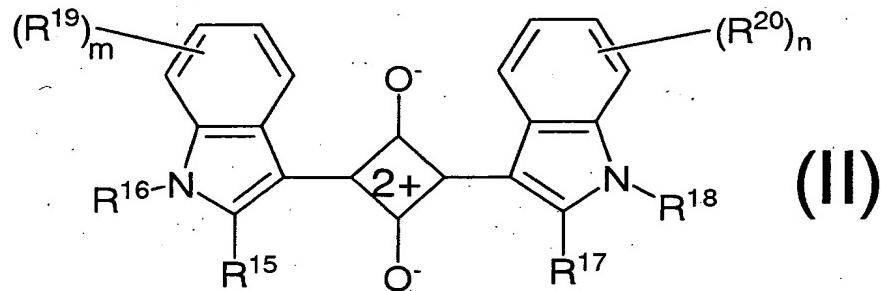
(wherein R⁵, R⁶, R⁷ and R⁸, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; and R⁹ and R¹⁰, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom or a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, or R⁹ and R¹⁰, together with their adjacent nitrogen atom, form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, or either R⁶ and R⁹ or R⁸ and R¹⁰, together with their adjacent N-C-C, form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocycle), or a group represented by formula (B):



(wherein R¹¹ and R¹², which may be the same or different,

each represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; R¹³ represents a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; R¹⁴ represents a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted amino group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; and p represents an integer of 0 to 4, wherein, when p is 2 to 4, R¹⁴'s may be the same or different, respectively)].

2. A filter of an electronic display device comprising a squarylium compound represented by general formula (II):



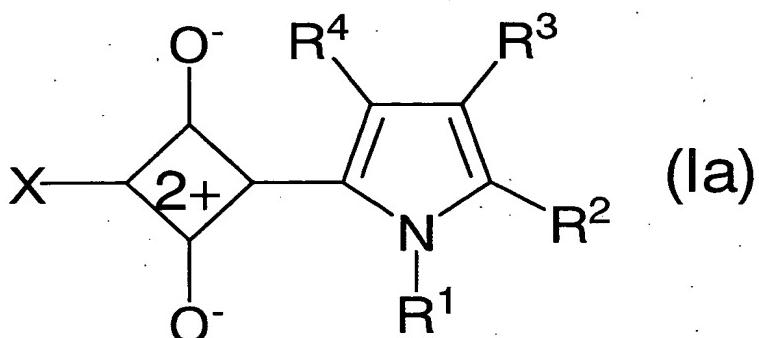
[wherein R¹⁵ and R¹⁷, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted amino group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; R¹⁶ and R¹⁸, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; R¹⁹ and R²⁰, which may be the same or different, each represent a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted amino group, or a substituted or unsubstituted

heterocyclic group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4, wherein, when m is 2 to 4, R¹⁹'s may be the same or different, respectively; and n represents an integer of 0 to 4, wherein, when n is 2 to 4, R²⁰'s may be the same or different, respectively].

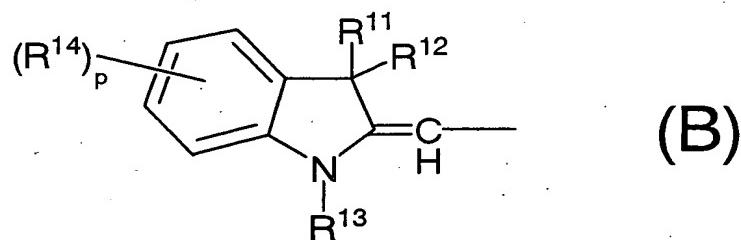
3. The filter of an electronic display device according to Claim 2, wherein R¹⁶ and R¹⁸, which may be the same or different, are each an alkoxyalkoxyl-substituted alkyl group.

4. The filter of an electronic display device according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, further comprising a binder.

5. A squarylium compound represented by general formula (Ia):



[wherein each of R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ has the same meaning as defined above; and X represents a group represented by formula (B):



(wherein each of R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} , R^{14} and p has the same meaning as defined above)].